

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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RE: MUR 4544

Dole for President Committee, Inc. Robert Lighthizer, as treasurer

Dear Mr. Gross:

This is in response to your letter dated August 8, 1997, which we received on August 11, 1997, requesting an extension of 20 days to respond to the complaint in the above-referenced matter. After considering the circumstances presented in your letter, the Office of the General Counsel has granted the requested extension. Accordingly, your response is due by the close of business on September 2, 1997.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 219-3690.

Sincerely,

Gregory R. Baker

Attorney